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## UHP Halloween Weekend Statewide DUI Blitz

**WHO:** Colonel Danny Fuhr, Superintendent, Utah Highway Patrol (UHP)  
Art Brown, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

**WHAT:** The Utah Highway Patrol will join other law enforcement agencies this weekend in their effort to keep Utah highways and roads safe from DUI drivers. Additional Troopers will be working late Saturday evening into early Sunday morning during a statewide DUI blitz. While Utah has been recognized as having the lowest alcohol impaired driving fatality rate in the nation, the Utah Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies will continue to work together to crack down on drunk drivers. Zero fatalities will always be the goal.

**WHEN:** Sat. Oct 30  
10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Utah Highway Patrol – Section 4 Office  
5681 South 320 West  
Murray, UT

**STORY OP:** Ride-alongs with Troopers upon request

**MORE:** Previous DUI blitz results and more on impaired driving:  
<http://publicsafety.utah.gov/highwaysafety/impaired.html>

More info at: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/highwaysafety/index.html>

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## ***The Scariest Part of Halloween Isn't the Spooky Costumes and Scary Pranks.***

It's the fact that too often impaired drivers don't plan ahead and end-up making the roads scarier than a horror show. That is why this Halloween state and local law enforcement will be out in full force cracking down on drunk drivers with an aggressive *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* enforcement blitz.

No matter who you are, drunk driving has scary consequences. Drunk driving violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses. Not only do you risk killing or injuring yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

### **A few simple tips to avoid a drunk driving nightmare for impaired drivers who fail to plan ahead:**

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to call 911

More information can be found on [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org) and [highwaysafety.utah.gov](http://highwaysafety.utah.gov)

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